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In the drawings:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by the applicant. In order to avoid **ABANDONMENT** of the application, the applicant must make the following agreed upon drawing changes. Attached drawings marked in red show the changes agreed upon in the telephonic interview, the changes are as follows:

- a) The diagonal lines are not uniformly thick, see the attached figure 2 for an example.
- b) There is a lot of dots or spots which need to be removed.
- c) The lettering needs to be larger in order to be readable. Furthermore, the number 9 in figure 2 is covered by a horizontal line. Both need to be corrected throughout the drawings.
- d) The Applicant has placed the titles, e.g., Figure 2, at the top of each page and at a distance away from the associated respective figures. Although not required, the Examiner would prefer that the titles be closer to the figures.

Also attached a printout of the MPEP § 1.84 *Standards for drawings* for the Applicant's information. If there are any questions on what needs to be done then the Applicant should call the Examiner. The phone number is at the end of this action.

The Applicant should note that figure 2 is the most informative of the figures and has been designated by the Examiner as the figure to be placed on the front page.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 15-22.

For independent claim 15, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a telescoping container with bookmark comprising a container having an outer sleeve and an inner sleeve wherein said inner sleeve slides within the outer sleeve to adjust a length of the container, and a pivoting lid including a small opening wherein an elastic band and a bookmark pass through said opening to be attached within said inner sleeve in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claims 16-22 are allowed due to their dependency on allowed claim 15.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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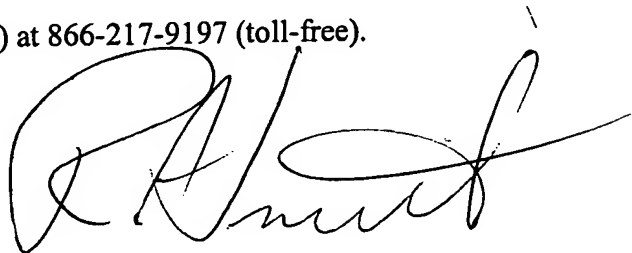
Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in PTO-892 disclose related containers and/or bookmarks.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Alexander Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-2251. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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